



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 706

January Session, 2015



AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS OF ELDERLY ABUSE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-451 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (a) [Any physician] For purposes of this subsection, "mandated
5 reporter" means a: (1) Physician or surgeon licensed under the
6 provisions of chapter 370; [, any] (2) resident physician or intern in any
7 hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed; [, any] (3) registered
8 nurse; [, any] (4) nursing home administrator, nurse's aide or orderly
9 in a nursing home facility or residential care home; [, any] (5) person
10 licensed or certified as an emergency medical services provider
11 pursuant to chapter 368d or chapter 384d, including any such
12 emergency medical services provider who is a member of a municipal
13 fire department; (6) person paid for caring for a patient in a nursing
14 home facility or residential care home; [, any] (7) staff person
15 employed by a nursing home facility or residential care home; [, any]
16 (8) professional patients' advocate, provided no representative of the
17 Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman shall be considered a
18 professional patients' advocate for purposes of this section; (9) [any]
19 licensed practical nurse; [,] (10) medical examiner; [,] (11) dentist; [,]
20 (12) optometrist; [,] (13) chiropractor; [,] (14) podiatrist; [,] (15) social
21 worker; [,] (16) clergyman; [,] (17) police officer; [,] (18) pharmacist; [,]

22 (19) psychologist; [or] (20) physical therapist; [,] and [any] (21) person
 23 paid for caring for an elderly person by any institution, organization,
 24 agency or facility, [, Such persons shall include] including, but not
 25 limited to, an employee of a (A) community-based services provider,
 26 (B) senior center, (C) home care agency, (D) homemaker and
 27 companion agency, (E) adult day care center, (F) village-model
 28 community, and (G) congregate housing facility. [,] Any mandated
 29 reporter who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any
 30 elderly person has been abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned, or
 31 is in a condition that is the result of such abuse, neglect, exploitation or
 32 abandonment, or is in need of protective services, shall [, not later than
 33 seventy-two hours after such suspicion or belief arose,] report such
 34 information, or cause a report to be made in any reasonable manner,
 35 not later than seventy-two hours after such suspicion or belief arose, to
 36 the Commissioner of Social Services or to the person or persons
 37 designated by the commissioner to receive such reports. Any [person
 38 required to report under the provisions of this section] mandated
 39 reporter who fails to make such report within the prescribed time
 40 period shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, except that, if
 41 such [person] mandated reporter intentionally fails to make such
 42 report within the prescribed time period, such person shall be guilty of
 43 a class C misdemeanor for the first offense and a class A misdemeanor
 44 for any subsequent offense. Any institution, organization, agency or
 45 facility employing individuals to care for persons sixty years of age or
 46 older shall provide mandatory training on detecting potential abuse,
 47 [and] neglect, exploitation or abandonment of such persons and
 48 inform such employees of their obligations under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2015	17b-451(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

In Subsec. (a)(5), "licensed and certified" was changed to "licensed or certified", and "pursuant to chapter 384d" was changed to "pursuant to

chapter 368d or chapter 384d" for accuracy.

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